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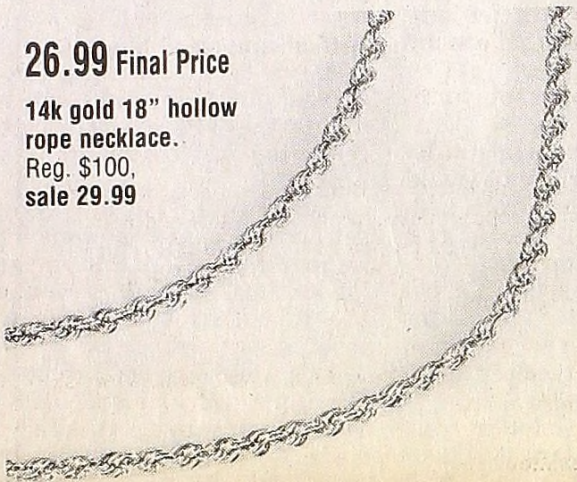
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Council may get lap top computers

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A committee of three council members, LeRoy Burcroff, William Crova and Donald Morris, will begin a study that could ultimately decide whether the seven member council will be given official lap top computers in the near future.

According to Mayor William Oakley such a purchase could eliminate a lot of paper work involving the elected officials.

It will not totally eliminate the need for "council packets," Oakley admitted, as they still will need to be created for the media and other persons.

No time limit was placed on the committee's study period. In a separate item, Oakley said when three inches or more of snow falls in Romulus, vehicle owners will continue to be given a warning period for removal of their cars/trucks so that proper snow removal can be accomplished.

Some nearby towns are threatening to tow such vehicles without such a courtesy, council members said.

Next Monday night at 7 p.m. another in the series of "council chats" will occur in the Council Chambers. At that time private citizens are given a chance to speak informally with elected officials.

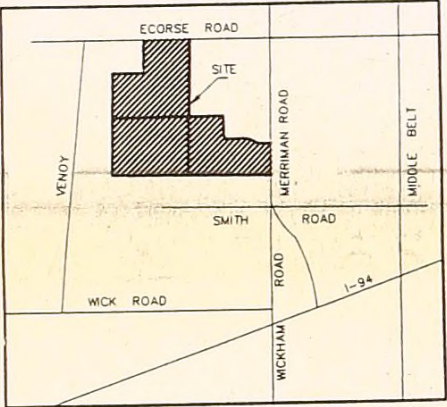
ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Romulus Community Schools is soliciting sealed proposals for Bid Package Number 1A - Romulus Community Schools - Romulus Middle School - Permanent Exterior Grandstand Bleacher Replacement w/Pressbox. The project consists of the following Bid Categories: Bid Category 13125 - Permanent Exterior Grandstand Bleachers w/Pressbox. Copies of the contract documents may be picked up after December 30, 1999 at Dunn Blue Reprographics Technologies, 1009 W. Maple Road, Clawson, MI. P:(248)288-5600, F:(248)288-1198. For specific information regarding the project contact David Martin at Barton Malow Company (248)577-2609. Sealed Bids for this Project are due on Tuesday, January 18, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. via delivery/mail to Romulus Community Schools, Dr. Joel Carr-Assistant Superintendent, 36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

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CITY OF ROMULUS PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised, that the City of Romulus Planning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held Tuesday, January 18, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485. The purpose of the meeting is to consider PC-2000-001, a request for Special Use Land Approval for a five (5) acre parking lot expansion at Qwik Park located at 7782 Merriman Road in an RC (Regional Center) zoned district.



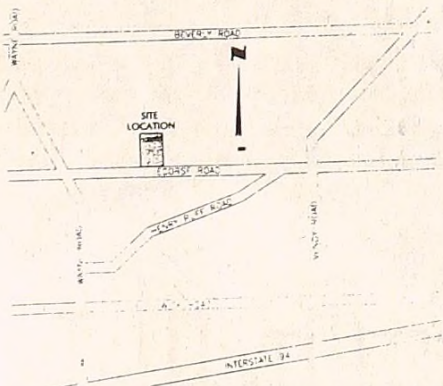
All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Tuesday, January 18, 2000 and should be addressed to Bradley Raymond, Director, Building, Safety and Engineering Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD DECEMBER 13, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Randolph Gear, Mayor Pro Tem

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Donald R. Morris, Michael A. Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth
Absent: None
Excused: None

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
William Oakley, Mayor
Linda Choate, Clerk
Pamela Kersey, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to accept the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

2A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Romulus City Council held December 6, 1999.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth
Nays - None. Abstain - Romak.
Motion Carried.

3A. Motion by Morris, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and grant special land use approval for PC-045-07-99 Davenport Brothers Construction Co., Inc. for expansion of an automobile parts Dismantling and Warehousing Facility in an M-2 (General Industrial) zoned district, subject to the recommendations of the City Planner, Engineer, Fire Department and submittal of a landscape maintenance agreement. Further to include a Reduced Pressure Zone (RPZ) at the intersection of Huron River Drive and Northline Roads and a water meter is required off Northline Road, the height of car stacking shall comply with ordinance requirements and a passing lane shall be constructed on Huron River Drive prior to August 1, 2000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth
Nays - Romak.
Motion Carried.

3B. Motion by Crova, supported by Morris to table the request from Frank Reaume (PC-064-09-99) to rezone 24.858 +- acres located on the south side of Van Born Road between Inkster and Middlebelt Roads [DP#001-99-0014-002] from M-1 (Light Industrial) to MT-1 (Industrial Transportation) for warehousing, freight forwarding, logistics companies and air freight type uses.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth
Nays - Romak.
Motion Carried.

3C. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the recommendation of the Department of Public Works and deny the request from Thomas Maycock to vacate Hubbard Street between Beverly and Henry Ruff streets.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to congratulate Darnell Anderson on the obtainment of his PhD.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Romak to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to award Bid 99-66 to Bill Wink Chevrolet, Inc. in the amount of \$74,665.00 for the purchase of one (1) 2000 Single Axle Dump Truck.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5B. Motion by Morris, supported by Burcroff to award Bid 99-67 to S & R Equipment in the amount of \$26,691.69 for the purchase of one (1) 2000 Trailer Mounted Aerial Lift.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5C. Motion by Romak, supported by Morris to reject Bid 99-68 from Michigan Community Newspaper and rebid for the 2000 Official Publications and further to designate Michigan Community Newspaper as the Temporary Official Newspaper of the City until the rebid process is completed.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - Gear, Prybyla.
Motion Carried.

5D. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve the Interfund Debt Repayment Schedule through October 31, 1999.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5E. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to enter into an Agreement with Wayne County relative to the improvement and assessment of the Texas Marsh Drainage District. A copy in its entirety is on file in the City Clerk's office.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5F. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to accept the proposal from Outsource Eng & Mfg for the purchase of Model SG-Z3000GL Character Generator in the amount of \$2,924.00 which includes a \$500.00 trade in for the old non Y2K compliant character generator.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5G. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to enter into the Purchase and Development Agreement with Highland Development Co., L.L.C. for Parcels 80-144-99-0001-708, 80-143-99-0016-007, 80-143-99-0010-000, 80-143-99-0013-000, 80-143-99-0009-000, and 80-143-99-0007-002 Residential Zoned Property.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A1a. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to remove from the table the request from Michigan Community Radio to adopt a resolution in support of Low Power Radio Stations.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A1b. Motion by Morris, supported by Crova to rescind Resolution 99-461, a resolution for Low Power Radio Stations adopted at the meeting of December 6, 1999.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A1c. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Morris approve to adopt a resolution in support of Low Power Radio Stations.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Romak
Nays- Prybyla, Wadsworth
Motion Carried.

6A2. Motion by Morris, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of the Property Disposition Committee and authorize the redemption of city owned property DP#020-99-0019-701, a vacant parcel of land by J.B. Johnson in the amount of \$2,464.73 if said property is redeemed within thirty (30) days.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A4. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to authorize David Paul, Director of the Department of Public Works as Street Administrator for the City of Romulus for the calendar year 2000 and as the person who may make application to the state and sign the permits for the Michigan Department of Transportation authorizing work within state right-of-ways.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A5. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak to establish a new voting precinct to be known as precinct #6. The new precinct will be bounded by Ecorse, Hannan, Van Born, and Cogswell roads. The polling place will be Rudgate Community Center, pending a long term agreement.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes- Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A6. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Morris to approve the second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendments 99/00-12&13 introduced at the meeting held December 6, 1999.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Morris to authorize the payment of Warrant 99-23 in in the grand total amount of Four Hundred and Forty Five Thousand and Six Hundred and Seventeen Dollars and Sixty Six Cents (\$445,617.66).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None. Abstain - Crova.
Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Romak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held December 13, 1999.

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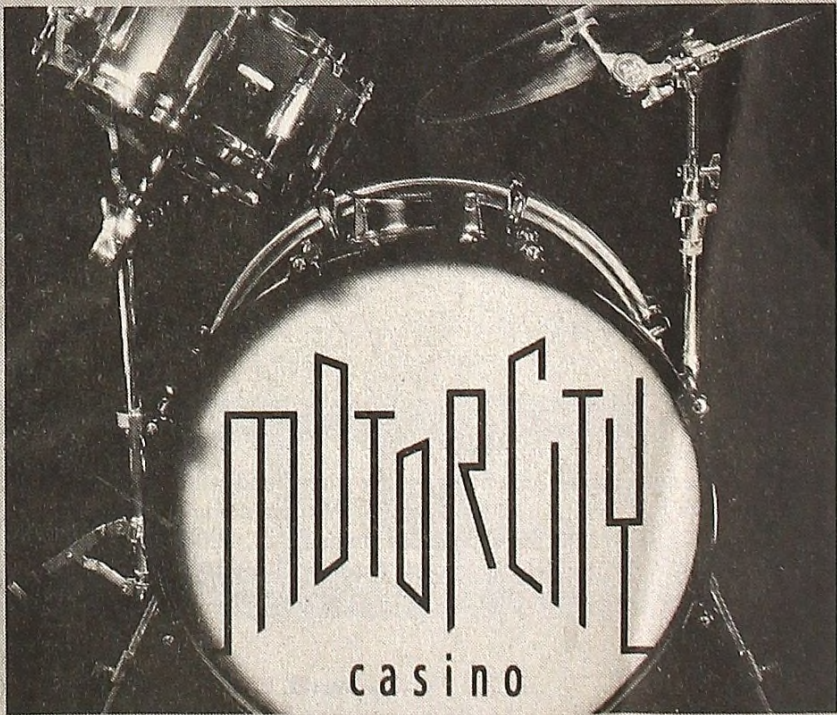
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People in the news

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M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S



Army Pfc. Richard D. Hanly, son of Mark Hanly of Canton, marked the New Year's holiday period in Tongduchun, Korea, not far from one of the world's most tense and potentially dangerous political borders. MCN Special Photo

Canton soldier marks Year 2000 near Korean border

Army Pfc. Richard D. Hanly got to celebrate the Year 2000 hours before his dad, Mark Hanly, did last weekend.

Hanly marked the historical change at his Army post in Korea, while his dad celebrated in his hometown of Canton.

The young U.S. soldier was one of 30,000 Americans that were teaming up with 500,000 Republic of Korea military men and women in marking an exercise named "Foal Eagle."

The exercise climaxed four months of preparation to test the readiness of allied efforts along the Korean divide.

"Everyone began preparing four months ago by repairing

and shipping needed equipment, vehicles and weapons that we are using in this exercise today in Korea."

The River Rouge High School graduate said "I couldn't wait to finish with the packing and repairing. I've been so anxious to get this exercise underway, because I've always wanted to get to another part of the world."

Hanly, who is part of a task force from elements of the 4th Infantry Division based in Fort Hood in Texas, expressed the pleasure of having an opportunity to experience the Korean culture.

"My job here in Korea is to

travel ahead of my unit to find the enemy and point out any obstacles that may hinder the troops' movement," he added.

Hanly said he also goes "behind enemy lines to observe the enemy's activities and gives that information to his unit commanders, so they can determine a plan of action."

Hanly, in his role as a scout, finds his military life extremely rewarding and exciting.

"I lead a fairly simple life back at Fort Hood," he said. But its purpose is to make exercises such as this so successful, Hanly concluded.

Davis, Hines to be honored

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Long time dancer and entertainer Sammy Davis Jr. -- a noted member of the late Frank Sinatra's Rat Pack -- will be honored Feb. 17-18 as the Year 2000 Ford Freedom Award winner.

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The award ceremony will be held over a two-day period at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit.

The installation ceremony has been tentatively set for 11 a.m. Feb. 17, followed by an installation dinner at 6 that night at the museum.

The next morning at 11:30 a.m. dancer-entertainer Gregory Hines will be honored as the Ford Freedom Award Scholar. A lecture by Hines will take place at the Detroit Opera House.

Tickets for the gala dinner range from \$1,000 to \$15,000, while the scholar's lecture tickets range from \$7.50 to \$12.50.

For more information call Dale Mott of the museum at 313-494-5819 or Gwynne Irwin of Ford Motor Co. at 313-323-0646.



Late entertainer Sammy Davis Jr. gives a professional hug to dancer/actor Gregory Hines several years ago. MCN Special Photo

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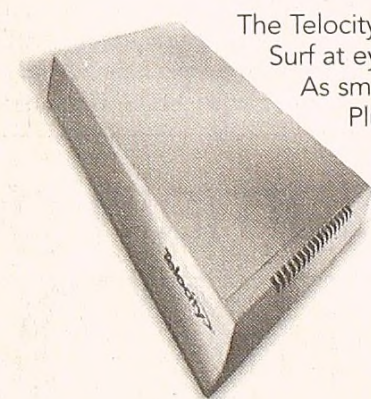
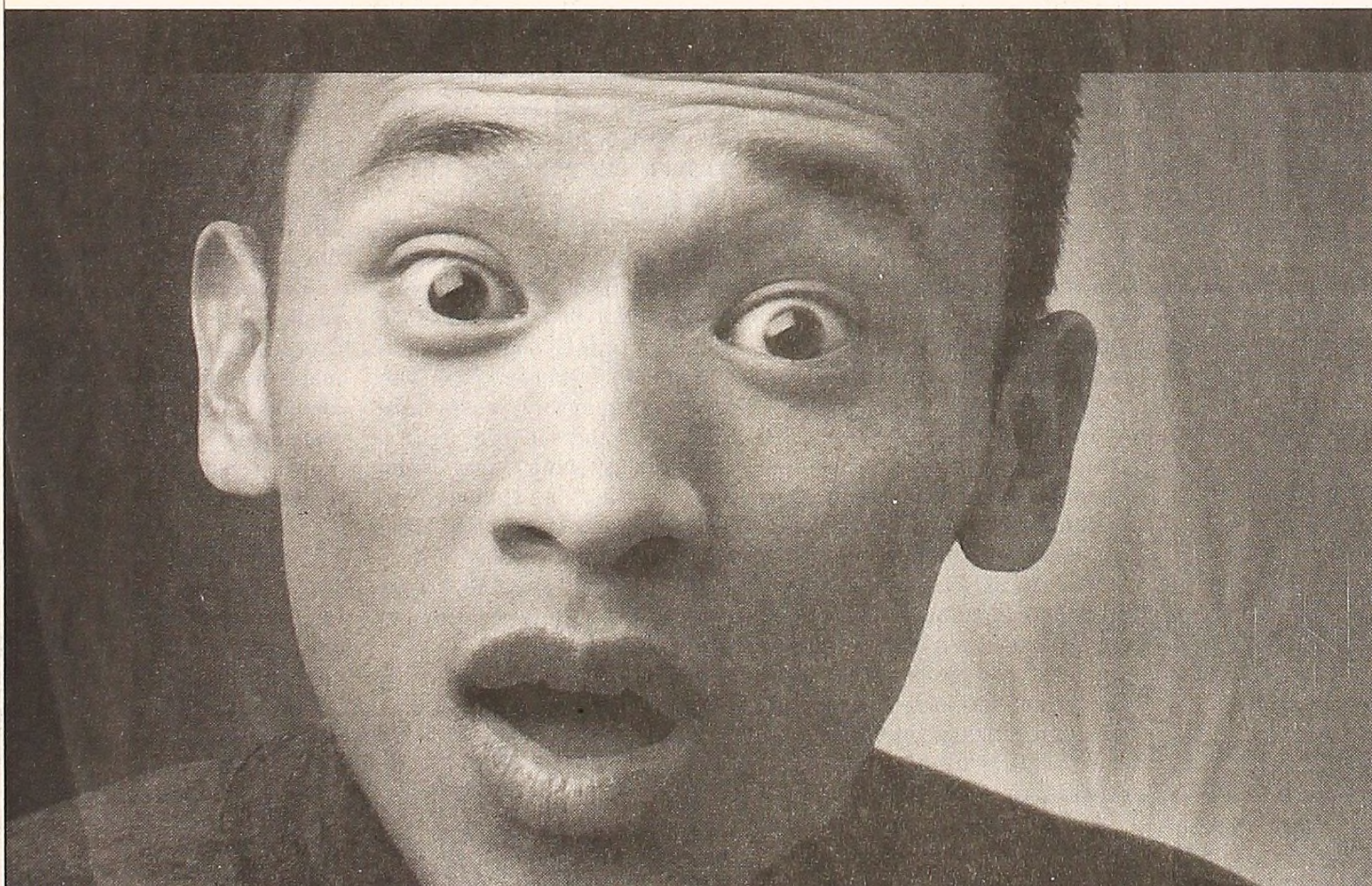
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Forget Y2K, big business should turn attention to customer service

I waited with baited breath as the new millennium was about to unfold. I wasn't expecting the end of the world or even acts of terrorism. I foresaw, however, countless minor irritations that would compound the difficulty of everyday living.

But you know what, I was wrong. There were no terrorists attempting to blow up the Eiffel Tower and the minor irritations were kept to a minimum thanks to a worldwide preparedness effort. And of course we are all here today to begin to fulfill the New Year's resolutions we made on the eve of 2000.

I've got my own set of resolutions that I wish some of the bigger businesses in our area would follow. Number one on that list is courtesy to customers. I don't know about you, but each time I call a utility or public office, I get the computerized phone board with multiple options. After dancing through six to ten options, I finally get a real human being at the other end, who is usually discourteous and unhelpful.

For instance, I called MCI, the phone company a week ago. Now I hadn't done business with this company for two years, yet every month on my Ameritech bill MCI was still charging me a flat rate. I had tried to call on several occasions, but hung up after waiting several frustrating minutes because no human would come to the phone.

This wasn't the problem on this occasion. After a five minute wait, I was able to talk to someone. She promptly told me the computer had no record of my account. I explained to her that was impossible because their computer was generating a bill each month for me. She said she would transfer me to someone else.

I was dumbfounded at what happened next. Instead of transferring me, the girl put the phone down. For the next ten minutes I heard very graphic conversations about sex, boyfriends, and how one of their peers deserved to be fired. Only ten minutes later, did someone realize the phone was off the

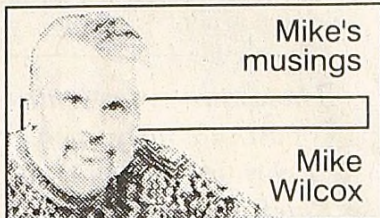
hook, at which time they hung up on me.

My experiences with Ameritech haven't been any better. I've been calling and writing them for a year about a cellular phone contract that they had charged the full rate for, even though the phones had only been activated for a third of the contract. Ameritech at least gets you through to a real person fairly fast, but once there they are usually of no help and continually play the transfer game. In other words, person one transfers you to person two, who transfers you to person three.

One day I was transferred to no less than five people without a resolution to the my problem. I followed up with two letters to a vice-president at Ameritech, without ever hearing a response. Ameritech, in my mind, is the all-time worst in customer service.

But even the big casinos don't seem to have it together. Earlier this summer I called the Soaring Eagle Casino and Hotel in Mt. Pleasant because they were advertising a package deal with good seats to see an entertainer perform that I was interested in. I called, was put on hold and then transferred to a recording. At the end of the longwinded recording I had the option to press a key to transfer to order tickets. The system didn't, however, transfer; it disconnected you. I tried this for two days in a row with the same results. I wonder how many tickets the casino sold to that event?

I could go on and on and so could you. That's why I hope resolution number one for business this year is improved customer service. Forget Y2K. The world is still here. Sink some money in improved customer service. It will come back manifold in added business.



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox



Hope resolutions didn't dissolve in tub

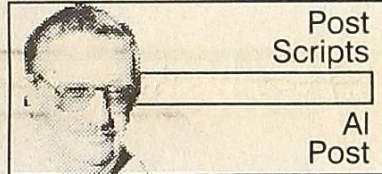
Well despite some residents doubts you survived the Y2K glitch, your vehicle didn't run out of gas on New Year's Eve, your phone still receives calls from a person known only as "unidentified" and your refrigerator is still cooling 10 gallons of "emergency" water.

Don't feel taken in by the media...feel energized that you just successfully completed your tenderfoot test and can get out of jail without paying \$200.

Most western Wayne County employees laughed all the way to midnight thinking that they were home, while their bosses were still at work manning the office computers...."just in case."

It was reported that most Michigan residents stayed home to watch the "ball" drop in New York Times Square last Friday night.

More than two million persons squeezed into that famous year-end NYC site - in fact it was reported everyone of public notice was there except for Atlanta Braves relief pitcher John Rocker.



Post Scripts

Al Post

It wasn't confirmed that Rocker is even Y2K compatible. But it was reported that he was last seen hiding in a cave about 1,000 miles south of The Bronx reading a recent *Sports Illustrated* magazine.

For those readers, who do not know Rocker, he gained instant fame a week ago admitting he had no secret crush on Met or Yankee fans...in fact didn't even like foreigners or persons who rode the NY subways.

Sadly dozens of New Yorkers ruined nine of their New Year's resolutions...just discussing Rocker's magazine article minutes into the Year 2000.

Rocker complained in an SI feature article "Imagine having to take the 7 Train to Shea Stadium looking like (you're riding through) Beirut sitting next to a kid with purple hair, next to some queer with AIDS, right next to

some dude who just got out of jail for the fourth time, next to some 20-year-old mom with four kids."

One area resident said he had almost as serious a problem, as he dropped his resolution list into the bath tub at 12:02 a.m. Jan. 1.

Unfortunately the ink printing didn't last past 12:03 a.m. - so he feels he has a free year from restraints.

Around the joyous world most celebrated the century's greatest "non-event" with classic Beatle singer George Harrison trying to ring out the old year with his solo rendition of *I Want to Hold Your Hand*, while a negative year-end critic bearing a large knife was proclaiming "not tonight George!"

In Russia, President Boris Yeltsin resigned...saying he wasn't too sure if the Swiss banks were Y2K compliant, so he was leaving early.

Back home in Romulus, veteran Councilman Michael Prybyla was urging his peers "come on back in 2001, you're celebrating a year early."

Eminent domain gone amok

by Jim Rarey

The City of Detroit has entered into a "partnership" with powerful private gambling interests and is using the power of "eminent domain" to essentially confiscate prime real estate on the city's riverfront, owned by private parties, on which to build three casinos for three different gambling Syndicates.

The gambling syndicates will "reimburse" the city for the costs incurred in acquiring the properties. In return, the city will get a percentage of the gross gambling revenues.

Michigan State law (as is true in most states) allows cities and counties to take private property for use by (private) commercial enterprises. In the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, government is allowed to take private property for "public use" as long as due process of law is followed and "just" compensation is paid (to the owner). Last November, a Wayne County Circuit judge



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ruled that gambling casinos fall within the definition of commercial enterprises under state law.

Detroit has used its power of eminent domain in the past to the benefit of private interests. Over six hundred acres of residential and commercial property in "Pole-town" were condemned, for the benefit of General Motors to build a manufacturing plant, at a cost of

over \$160 million. In 1997, the city took private property to build two stadiums for the billionaire owners of the Detroit Lions and Detroit Tigers sports franchises.

All three of Detroit's recent major acquisitions through the use of eminent domain have ended up in court. Only one of the first two of the lawsuits challenged the concept of transferring private property from one private party to another private party as constituting a "public use." That lawsuit was separate from the "just" compensation issue, and only saw the first court decision a couple of weeks ago, which Detroit lost. The issue is virtually moot as the city paid the court ordered amount for the property and turned it over to General Motors. In the General Motors land grab, the court ordered payments approximately four times what the city had originally offered.

Wayne County is in the process of condemning property just south of the airport to be used for

the airport expansion or for the County's commercial venture (depending on which County Commissioner you listen to).

The City of Romulus is contemplating condemning private property for use in conjunction with a municipal golf course. This does not fall into the same category as these other takings since such golf courses have long been recognized as a "public use."

In the lawsuits instituted by Detroit to condemn and acquire forty-seven parcels of property for the casinos, property owners have finally raised the question of what constitutes "public use" as the prime issue in the taking, leaving "just compensation" to be resolved only if the city wins the first lawsuit(s).

This could be a landmark case that will go all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. Our founding fathers must be spinning in their graves that the courts have allowed the abuse of eminent domain to go as far as it has. If private gambling syndicates are considered a legitimate "public use," what will private property be taken for next, private brothels?

Will Cicirelli get back in the saddle?

The death of 91-year-old Clayton Moore, who began playing the "Lone Ranger" on radio in Detroit in 1933, reminded everybody of the same joke:

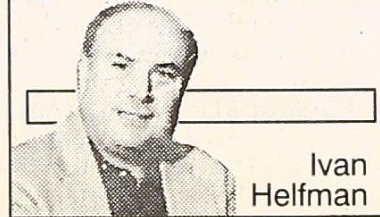
While being surrounded by charging Indians on horseback, the Ranger tells Tonto, his faithful Indian companion, "We're in trouble."

As the Indians close in, Tonto answers, "What do you mean 'we,' Kemo Sabe?"

The story reminded me of what happened to former Westland City Council President Sandra Cicirelli, who was ousted by her allies after being their faithful companion for four years. Cicirelli's allies dumped her Monday night, replacing her with former Westland Mayor Trav Griffin.

Like Clayton Moore's Lone Ranger, Cicirelli had been popular, though not as popular as the Ranger, who was a hit on the ABC show in 1949 and made the show ABC's most successful show during the fifties, some say the show that established the fledgling network.

Similarly, Cicirelli's popularity and support helped reelect Griffin by a small margin in 1997 and was instrumental in carrying David Cox and David James, also by a small margin, into office in 1999. Had Cicirelli supported their opponents in these elec-



Ivan Helfman

tions, it's likely that the results would have been different.

In later years, Moore said that playing the Ranger was the only job he had ever wanted. "I wanted to be either a cowboy or a policeman," he said. "As the Lone Ranger, I got to be both."

"I like playing the good guy. I'll wear the white hat for the rest of my life."

Likewise (if I read her right), Cicirelli liked playing the good gal. She liked being a polite pleasant council president who was fair to all. She gave time to citizens to speak at the beginning of council meetings and responded to their questions.

During council meetings, she played the game according to Hoyle. All members were recognized and heard. Votes were fair and above board, not deflected by parliamentary tricks or heavy-handed partisanship.

While Cicirelli's kind low-key style was well-suited to the president's job, it's no slight on her to point out that her best was quite not up to the Ranger's. Each episode of the Ranger began with an announcer saying, "A fiery horse with the speed of light, a cloud of dust and a hearty 'Hi-ho Silver!' - the Lone Ranger," followed by a few stirring bars from the William Tell Overture.

He only loaded his Colt 45 with silver bullets and he never shot to kill, only to maim.

Each episode ended with

someone asking, "Who was that masked man?" as the Ranger mounted his horse, Silver, and galloped into the sunset.

Now that's style.

But even the Ranger was retired in 1957 after 169 episodes and two movies.

Not washed up, Moore jumped back into the saddle again as Zorro in "The Ghost of Zorro" in 1959.

But Moore could not give up the Lone Ranger role. For 20 years, he continued to appear appearing as the Ranger, complete with pearl-handled six-shooters, at supermarket openings and fairs.

When the company that owned the rights to the Ranger obtained an injunction preventing Moore from wearing the mask in 1979, Moore took to sporting wrap-around sunglasses instead and recorded a protest song, "Keep the Mask on the Lone Ranger."

Moore filed a countersuit and in 1985 a court struck down the injunction, allowing the mask to once more reside on his eyes.

It's doubtful that Cicirelli is any more washed up now than Moore was in 1959. I expect her to follow his example and find a new role at city hall.

Before her recent demotion, some political players had predicted that she would run for mayor next year. Perhaps she was abandoned by her allies like the Ranger by Tonto in the joke because of her supposed mayoral ambitions.

If she chooses to run, one can only wish her "a fiery horse with the speed of light, a cloud of dust and a hearty 'Hi-ho Silver'" - the city council president rides again!



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Letters from our readers

M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

What really happened in State House?

To the editor:

Those of you who follow the Legislature's activities might still be trying to figure out and absorb what transpired in the last few days before it recessed for the holidays. Many issues that had been discussed all year finally came to a vote, while others have been put off until next year. Here is a brief summary of some of the major pieces of legislation we addressed, along with some of the pros and cons associated with them.

- **Charter schools**-A measure to lift the cap on the number of charter schools sponsored by universities failed to gain approval in the House. Many of my colleagues did not support this legislation because of concerns about the lack of oversight of the charters we now have. Unlike more traditional state-funded schools, charter schools do not have elected school boards to oversee their operations and are often run by for-profit management companies. Supporters of charter schools see them as alternatives to conventional public schools, with less bureaucracy and the potential for more innovation. Because raising the cap is a goal of the current administration, I expect we will see this legislation revived next year.

- **Residency**-A bill that loosens residency requirements for city employees by allowing them to reside within 20 miles of the nearest city boarder has been signed by the Governor. Supporters of this legislation felt it was unfair that some cities require their employees to live within the cities' borders. Opponents felt that such issues should be decided locally and not in Lansing.

- **Right-to-Farm**-This legislation, also approved by both the House and the Senate, is an attempt to establish uniform agricultural laws across the state. Among other measures, the legislation calls for the adoption of what are called "Generally Accepted Agricultural Management Practices" in such areas as manure management and farm expansion. As with the residency bill, the importance of home rule was a major part of this debate. Those who opposed the farm bill felt that agriculture regulations can best be set by local communities. They also fear that provisions of the new law are not stringent enough, allowing the widespread establishment of "factory farms" in Michigan. Supporters of the bill said that farmers should be able to count on one standard throughout the state, and that "local control" is often used as a pretext to put farmers out of business.

- **Drain code**: While not a high profile issue, the revisions to the 1956 code, as passed by both Houses, are significant. This bill imposes new requirements on county and state officials to protect water quality, minimize the adverse impact of drain projects, incorporate flow patterns into drain design and storm water management and make on-site

storm water retention a priority. Opponents of the bill say it does not go far enough to protect the environment, while supporters, citing the original date of the code, say the updates were necessary.

- **School administrators and unions**: Detroit school administrators, including principals, will have their union disbanded under legislation approved by both houses. There was no Democratic support for this bill and my colleagues and I argued that it is not fair to prohibit any employees from organizing, and it is certainly unfair to single out one school district's union. Those in support of the bill say that school administrators are part of management and should not be allowed to unionize.

There were definite winners and losers in 1999. Where do you think our priorities should be? My colleagues and I always appreciate hearing from you; write to any of us at the State Capitol, Lansing, MI, 48909. If it is more convenient, you can visit us on the worldwide web at www.house-dems.com and E-mail comments and suggestions.

Sincerely,

Rep. Mike Hanley

House Democratic Leader

CBC thanks Belleville businesses

To the Editor:

The Belleville Central Business Community wishes to thank everyone who in the past year contributed to the downtown area events in the past year.

Co-sponsored events were held by Bob Stoner & Associates. The Styling Center, The City of Belleville, the Downtown Development Authority, The Belleville Area Museum, the Belleville Area Independent, The Belleville Area Council of the Arts, The Heritage View, Pickering Real Estate, Huron Valley Realty & The Belleville Christian Community Church.

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The Belleville Central Business Community

Speaker says that Patterson made mark in State House

To the editor:

In his first year as a lawmaker, state Rep. Bruce Patterson has demonstrated a strong willingness to work hard and put the needs of Michigan residents first.

Early on, Bruce made his mark by becoming the first freshman in the history of the Michigan Legislature appointed associate speaker pro tempore. The position requires Rep. Patterson to maintain order on the House floor, and help lead lawmakers through what can sometimes be several hours of legislative debate.

Rep. Patterson's leadership roles go beyond associate speaker. He also serves as vice chairman of the Constitutional Law and Ethics Committee, where he has worked to strengthen Michigan campaign finance laws and make the process more open and accountable.

In addition, Bruce has led the way in saving Michigan residents some of their hard-earned tax dollars. Currently, he is spearheading legislation to require a two-thirds vote of

the entire state legislature to create new or raise existing taxes.

Rep. Patterson also helped pass Merit Scholarships, which so far have awarded more than 425 regional high-school graduates with money for college tuition and other education and training programs.

Another area where Bruce's efforts have had a positive effect locally is the recent approval of the Clean Michigan Initiative recreation grants, from which Canton Township received \$750,000 to improve the Summit on the Park.

Bruce has proven his commitment to the people of Belleville, Canton, Sumpter and Van Buren. He has a perfect attendance record and a near-perfect voting record. I commend Rep. Patterson for doing the job he was elected to - serving the best interests of all Michigan residents.

Sincerely,

Chuck Perricone

Speaker of the House

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At your next dental visit, ask if you would be a good candidate for a bitesplint.

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Salem wins Grosse Ile holiday title

Brodie: It was really good to win a championship

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Plymouth-Salem and coach Bob Brodie closed out the 20th century with a victory over Redford Thursday in the finals of the Grosse Ile Holiday Basketball Invitational.

Playing over a sloppy 15-turnover first quarter, and trailing at the half, 20-16, Salem made its move in the third quarter as Ryan Nimmergauth and Nick Tackman sparked a third period rally that carried the Rocks to within one, 32-31, of catching their opponents at the end of

Brodie pointed out that his club made 15 turnovers in the first quarter alone against Thurston.

the frame.

Salem outscored Thurston 22-11 to seal the victory 53-43 and capture the 1999 Grosse Ile title.

"It was good to win the championship," said Brodie, whose Rocks have now won two straight after getting off to an unprecedented three

straight losses.

"But it (the tournament) also revealed our shortcomings. We definitely don't have our act together, yet."

Brodie pointed out that his club made 15 turnovers in the first quarter alone against Thurston, "and we have made 104 turnovers this season. We

need someone to take charge of this team.

"And we're not going to win many more games if we don't settle down," Brodie added. "We definitely have to find a leader."

Brodie and the Rocks have little time to prepare for their first game of the 21st Century. Although they were not scheduled to play Tuesday night, they are on Friday when they host arch-opponent Plymouth-Canton in what Brodie labeled a "real challenge."

Canton is coming off of a pair of losses - to Saginaw Arthur Hill and to Traverse City

Central - at the Traverse City Holiday Invitational. (See Related Story on this page.)

Friday night's Salem-Canton encounter is a Western Lakes Conference crossover game.

At Grosse Ile, it was Nimmergauth who eventually got the Rocks rolling as he fired in 17 of his game-high 20 points in the second half. Tackman was the only other Salem player to score in double figures. He accounted for 11 points, while Matt McCaffrey, a 6-7 forward, led the assault on the boards.



Bob Brodie

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Canton, Salem clash in 'emotional' game

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

While Plymouth-Salem is looking for someone to lead its congregation, Plymouth-Canton is searching to rebound from back-to-back losses at the Traverse City Central Holiday Basketball Invitational.

That is the backdrop for Friday night's showdown between the two natural opponents. Salem will host the conference crossover.

Salem broke a modest three-game losing streak last week by stringing together back-to-back victories at the

A victory would enhance the winner's image in the Western Lakes.

Grosse Ile Invitational, which game them the championship.

In the meantime, coach Danny Young and the Chiefs lost a heartbreaker to Saginaw Arthur Hill, then fell to host, Central, in a lackadaisical consolation game.

The two - Salem and Canton - square off Friday in what both Brodie and Young call a

"very emotional game."

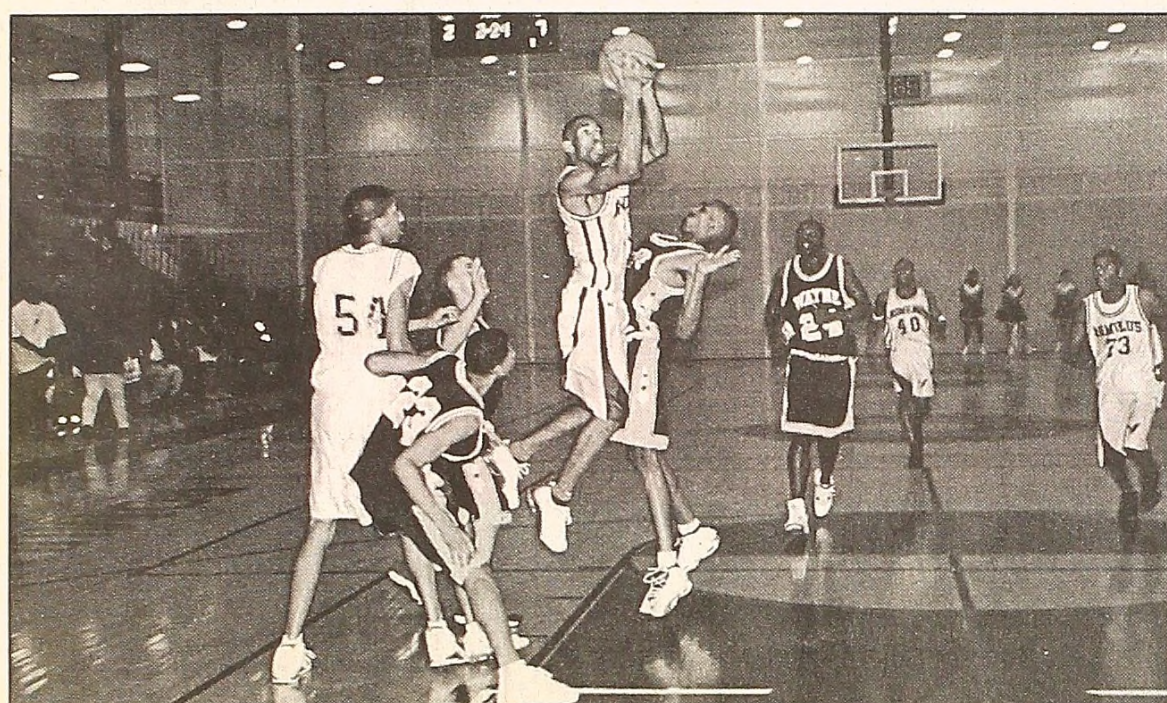
And a psychological one. A victory would enhance the winner's image in the Western Lakes.

"Bob's teams always play well," said Young, commenting upon the upcoming game. "For all of us involved, it is an emotional game because of the natural rivalry between the two schools."

"Also, they naturally (Salem) would like to extend their winning streak, and we need to get into the winning column."

Brodie agreed that the game

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One of the reasons why Romulus High has started the new century with a string of five victories is the outstanding performance by senior Kevin Thomas, seen above slicing through Wayne's defense for this jumper. Thomas and the Eagles face their biggest challenge of the season Friday night when they take on defending Mega Conference, Red Division champ, River Rouge. Rouge is the host. Photo by Brown Services

Show Time It's Romulus vs. Rouge Friday night

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Undefeated Romulus places a five-game winning streak on the line Friday night at River Rouge where coach Guy DeGiudice's Eagles will resume the Mega Conference Red Division shoot-out.

Rouge has won back-to-back conference titles, but the defending Red Division champs lost to an athletically-talent Belleville club in their divisional opener in December.

The Panthers need a victory over Romulus to remain in the foot chase for

the title. They also need to find a way to cool Kevin Thomas, who has scored in double-figures in all five of his games.

Equally important, Thomas has provided DeGiudice's Eagles with the much-needed leadership on the floor that has led to the early success.

Not one to rest upon his team's laurels, DeGiudice was among the first to say that the division again is one that on any given night anything can happen.

"This league is awesome this year," stresses DeGiudice, pointing to Be-

lleville, Rouge, Ypsilanti and Wayne (he's not counted the Zebras out) as 'quality teams'.

"Friday night's game (with Rouge) is only one of many tests we're going to have to face this season," the veteran Romulus coach added. "If you get by Rouge - and that is not going to be an easy task as we all know - then there is Belleville, and Ypsilanti and Willow Run waiting for you on the trail."

By the way, Romulus doesn't meet Belleville until Jan. 21 and that one's on the road.

Woodson to leave Romulus to coach at Eastern Mich.

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

One of the most successful high school football coaches in the area will leave Romulus soon to join the coaching staff at Eastern Michigan University this fall.

Mark Woodson, who turned Romulus High's football program around and helped the Eagles post unprecedented back-to-back championships in the Mega Conference, on Monday announced that he will be leaving Romulus High to join newly-appointed EMU head coach, Jeff Woodruff's staff.

EMU is rebuilding its football program in the wake of a 4-7 season in 1999.

"It's time," said Woodson, who guided the Eagles to an 8-3 overall record last season. "I felt that if I was going to make the move to collegiate football, this is the time to do

so."

Woodson will handle the wide receivers, he said, a task that comes naturally to him since he played the position as a collegiate star at Wayne State University.

"It is obviously going to be a big challenge, but I feel that I am ready for it. I have had a lot of fun here at Romulus and it will be difficult to leave. I have a lot of friends here."

"But, I have talked it over with the family, and they are behind me 100 percent."

Woodson, 39, a graduate of Robichaud High School in the Westwood School District, launched his high school coaching career at Romulus High in 1995 where he managed to win two of his seven games in his inaugural season. The Eagles gradually improved from a 3-6 (1996) to a 5-4 (1997) team.

Then, with Romulus's first-ever All-State running back,



Mark Woodson

Freddie Russell, in the lineup Romulus compiled a 10-1 overall record in winning their first-ever conference football title in 1998. (The school is noted for its basketball and has produced such greats as NBA stars - Johnny Long, Grant Long, and Terry Mills).

In 1998, the Eagles won the Mega Conference Gold Division title, then in 1999, Romulus was elevated to the Blue Division of the four division conference and became the first team in the Mega to win titles in two different divisions.

Jesse Meriweather, Romulus High School athletic director, was not available on Tuesday for comment.

Glenn's Albrecht finishes 3rd at the Salem mat invitational

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn's senior wrestler Jeff Albrecht received a belated Christmas gift last week.

Competing in the annual Plymouth-Salem Holiday Tournament, Albrecht managed to surface from the mats with a bronze medal in the 130-pound class.

"Jeff turned in a solid performance over there at Salem," stressed Keith Zimmerman, who will launch his second year in the Western Lakes Conference as the Rockets' head coach today when his grapplers take to the mats against traditionally tough Livonia Stevenson.

"We had some seniors out of the lineup (at Salem) because of illness," Zimmerman added,

"but we hope to have them back for the Stevenson meet."

Stevenson, along with Northville and the Walled Lake schools, is among the favorites to win the conference team championship this year.

Glenn beat Wayne Memorial in their season's opener, however, lost to Adrian and Columbia Central in a triangular meet before heading to the Salem Invitational.

Zimmerman has three solid seniors in the light weight classes. Along with Albrecht, there are Dave Teets, a veteran 119-pounder, and Jesse Purdin, who wrestles at 125.

Zimmerman's lineup also includes Alan Waddell, a 135-pounder; senior Ernie Guerra, at 140; and a pair of juniors - Chris Smith (112) and Chris Wolfgang (152).

The Rockets are pinning

their hopes on Jay Seres in the 160-pound class, while Nick Wroblewski has the responsibility of getting the team points in 171 weight class.

The 189-pound class is up for grabs, and Zimmerman is looking for candidates to fill the void. There is no void, however, at 215-pounds where Steve Perry is in command.

"We have a pretty solid team, if we can just get over the illness and come together," Zimmerman added. "The league is tough, always has been. But I feel that we can be competitive if are line-up remains stable."

A standout for coach Bob Lusk's teams in the late 1970's, Zimmerman graduated from John Glenn in 1981. He has served as an assistant coach before being named as head coach in 1998.

Belleville is 3rd best at Salem Invitational

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

With two of their wrestlers striking gold, Belleville finished third at the prestigious Plymouth-Salem Holiday Wrestling Tournament.

Belleville's Jason Johnson and Nat Caugill wound up with gold medals, winning all of their matches.

Johnson reigned as the top 171-pounder at the invitational, while Caugill claimed the 189-pound championship.

Novi, which had four individual champs, finished atop of the 18-team pack. The champs garnered 238.5 points, while Greenville was second with 169.5, and Belleville placed third with 154.5.

The leaders were followed by: Trenton (149.5), Monroe (147.5), Brighton (111), Portage Northern (109), Adrian (96.5), Livonia Stevenson (82), Plymouth-Salem (72.5), Garden City (72), Livonia Churchill (70.5), Farmington (64.5), Ypsilanti (53), Westland John Glenn (41), Ann Arbor Pioneer

(40), Melvindale (30.5) and Ann Arbor Huron (27.5).

Salem's Ron Krueger, the dean of area high school wrestling coaches, pointed out that the competition was excellent and the turnout outstanding.

Others won captured gold medals included: Cory Nowitzke (103, Monroe), Cory Nobach (112, Novi), Dan Jelg (119, Novi), Ryan Nowitzke (125, Monroe) and Ryan Churella (130, Novi).

Also crowned champs were: Kyle Lesk (135, Monroe), Leif Olson (140, Brighton), Adam Hopkins (145, Greenville), Mike Carter (152, Livonia Churchill), Travis Doodlittle (160, Greenville), Rick Huntington (215, Portage Northern), and Jason Moore (heavy-weight, Novi).

Salem's outstanding grappler, Rob Ash, made a bid for the 125-pound title but, after winning three consecutive

matches, was forced to retire when he suffered a minor concussion. He is expected back in the Rocks' lineup on Saturday when Salem competes in the Wyandotte Invitational.

Ash has stretched his undefeated streak to 14 matches.

In the meantime, Salem's Ron Thompson picked up a silver in the 119-pound class after losing in the finals to Novi's Jelg. The Rocks also received medal-winning performances from Mike Goethe, who placed seventh at 103, and by Steve Dendinos, who also was seventh at 135.

Belleville received sterling performances from B. J. Wilson, Ryan Huntley, Mickle Sherman, Jesse Meston, Shawn Simota, and Caleb Hatfield.

Wilson placed second at 112; and Sherman also was runner up at 125. Huntley came away with the bronze at 119.

Hatfield was the fourth-best heavyweight and Meston (140) and Simota (140) both won medals.



On a roll

With another impressive victory over Ypsilanti Lincoln Tuesday night, Romulus stretched its winning streak to five games. No. 6 will have to come at the expense of River Rouge, the defending Mega Conference Red Division champ. Coach Guy DelGiudice sees the Friday night match up as important for both teams - Rouge can't afford to lose another in the division, while Romulus needs to get by the Panthers to keep their title hopes alive. Photo by Brown's Special Services

Red Wing star comes to aid of local athlete

By IVAN HELFMAN
MCN Staff Writer

Sergei Fedorov may not have heart or compassion when he's on the ice, but off the ice he's all heart.

Just ask Taron Turner, who has big plans for the future.

The Central Michigan University (CMU) freshman wants to study aviation mechanics, run track and play football. To help Taron achieve those goals, Fedorov, the Detroit Red Wing hockey star, has awarded the young Inkster man a scholarship through the Fedorov Scholars Fund.

When Fedorov established the Sergei Fedorov Foundation, he teamed up with Orchards Children's Services, the state's largest private foster care and adoption agency to

benefit kids living in at-risk environments. Fedorov wanted to help children continue their education.

Fedorov remembers the hardships his family faced in the former Soviet Union. To escape a life of poverty, he turned to hockey.

"Hockey has provided me with a means to an exciting and fulfilling life," Fedorov said. "I am fortunate to be here and I appreciate everything that I have because I know what it is like to struggle. I hope to help others find their passions and use their talents to overcome whatever obstacles they face."

Through the Foundation's scholarship program, students will receive an academic scholarship to a Michigan university. Taron is the first to re-

ceive the award.

"I set goals for myself and decided I wanted to better myself and my family by becoming very successful," said Taron, 18, who attends CMU on a partial athletic scholarship. "I'm willing to work hard in school."

Orchards has helped Taron and his family for the past few years. Despite growing up in a tough environment, Taron has continued to excel academically and socially. He graduated from Dearborn Heights Robichaud High School in June 1999, having worked two jobs through high school, played four sports, and maintained a 3.0 GPA.

Next year, he plans to run track for CMU.

The fourth oldest of 11 children, Taron is the first member of his family to graduate high school and go to college.

New century, new start

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Like the rest of the pack, high school basketball coaches and their teams left the 20th Century behind them and most got down to the business of playing their first games of the 21st Century Tuesday night.

Plymouth-Salem, coming off of a successful tournament at Grosse Ile, awaits arch rival, Plymouth-Canton. The two meet Friday night at Salem.

Wayne Memorial, loser to Detroit Mumford in the Detroit Superintendent's Classic, and Inkster, which fell to Detroit Community in its only game

thus far, faced Robichaud Tuesday night. Rookie coach Bo Dukes is hoping to find his first win on the home court, but it will be tough.

In the meantime, Romulus and coach Guy DelGiudice will

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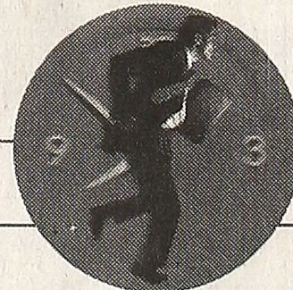
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Wayne resumes Red Division battles at Ypsilanti

Mumford cashes in 15 second-half Zebra turnovers for a 59-42 win

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Wayne Memorial and coach Chuck Henry will return to Mega Conference, Red Division action Friday night at Ypsilanti High School after brief encounters of a different kind in Detroit and Riverview.

Ypsilanti has surfaced as an unexpected title contender in

the division after knocking off Willow Run, a team that most conference coaches believed was the heir apparent to River Rouge's throne. The Flyers have last year's lineup returning intact.

"They are an older, faster team than they were a year ago," commented Henry about Willow Run's abilities. "And they lost to Ypsilanti. Obviously Ypsi has a lot of talent over there that most of us apparently overlooked initially."

About his team, Henry said that the Zebras are "just not playing up to potential at this time."

Wayne got off to an excellent start, posting victories over Plymouth-Canton in their opener, then beating an excellent Westland John Glenn club

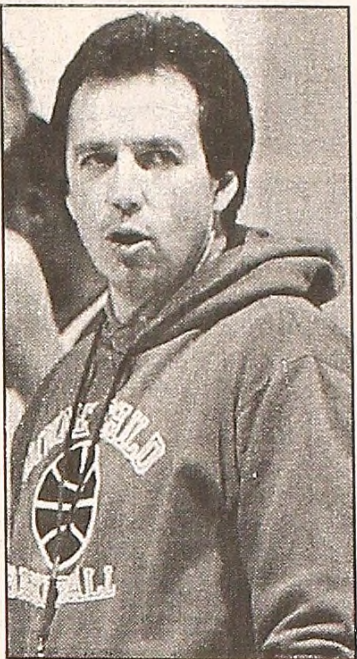
in their second game. The Zebras lost to Romulus in their Mega Red opener and were beaten by Detroit Mumford at the Superintendent's Classic.

Against Detroit Mumford, the veteran coach stressed, "we made seven turnovers in the first half, then committed 15 in the second half and were blown away."

Wayne managed to come out on top of a 26-22 score at the half, but Mumford outscored their opponents 37-16 in the final two frames to wrap up a 59-42 victory in the Detroit Superintendent's Classic staged in the Cobo Arena.

Wayne got 11 points from Jermaine Garner, the Zebras' top scorer. Garner's teammate, guard Shane Nowak finished with eight points.

The loss left Wayne with a 2-2 record for the 1999 phase of the season. The Zebras were scheduled to play Tuesday night in their first game of the 21st Century. They clashed with Riverview, a team that dropped its first two games then came back with back-to-back wins over Southgate Anderson and Trenton to capture the 1999 Wyandotte Holiday title.



Coach Chuck Henry

Hey, coach, rosters would be appreciated

Covering the "hot" high school basketball scene would be a bit easier for Michigan Community Newspapers sports staff writers and photographers if they had team rosters.

It would help staffers to check the players' names and numbers and avoid misspell-

MCN is looking for rosters from the high schools.

ing some of the more difficult surnames like Ashromogh Atogwe or Tom Mooradian. Or is it Mouradian?

MCN is looking for rosters from the high schools in the MCN circulation area: Belleville High, Romulus, Wayne Memorial, Westland John Glenn, Plymouth-Canton, Plymouth-Salem, Dearborn Heights Robichaud and Inks-ter High.

Coaches - or athletic department directors - are urged to Fax the information to the MCN staff sports desk at 734/729-6088.

Coaches or ADs who need more information may contact the MCN Sports Desk by dialing 734/729-4000.

Little Caesar to hold tryouts

Little Caesar's is looking for a few good ball players.

Organization officials this week announced they are conducting baseball tryouts for potential baseball players between the ages of 14 and under and 12 and under to compete in their summer leagues.

Officials also noted that the teams will be traveling out of state for tournament action.

The 14 and Under club will be playing in a tournament in

West Virginia, while the 12 and Under team is committed to playing in the Disney Baseball 2000 Invitational scheduled to be played in Orlando, Florida.

If you feel that you have the qualifications and the skills to compete on either of these teams please contact organization officials for the next scheduled tryouts.

Little Caesar's may be reached by dialing 313/562-4667.

Preps

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attempt to keep their magic aglow on Tuesday when Ypsilanti Lincoln comes to town. The Eagles should have no problems with the Railsplitters, but on Friday it's show time.

But, then the true tests comes.

Romulus runs up against a wounded Panther in River Rouge on Jan. 7. And the outcome of that game may tell coaches, teams and spectators just how tough the Eagles are this year.

Rouge, the divisional defending champ, lost to a strong Belleville team in their first defense of their Mega Conference Red Division title.

DelGiudice has pointed out that the talent in the Mega Red this season is loaded and his team can't afford a letdown.

Both Romulus and Belleville marched into the new century with perfect 4-0 records, but the two will not

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meet until Jan. 21. In the interim, like the coaches say, anything can happen before then.

Westland John Glenn, winner of two of its three, including a thriller over then state-ranked Adrian, returns to the hoop wars Tuesday (Jan. 4) against a Ypsilanti team that beat pre-season Mega Red title favorite, Willow Run, by a dozen points.

Ypsilanti will provide coach Mike Schuette and the Rockets an opportunity to get ready for the Western Lakes Conference campaign. The Westlanders meet Northville on Jan. 7 in their first conference game of the season.

Canton

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will be emotional, but added that Canton will give his team an opportunity to get a glimpse of what they will face in the upcoming Western Lakes Conference.

"Although which of the two - Western or the Lakes - division is the strongest remains debatable, this game gives up an opportunity to test our conference strength."

Brodie said the game will also be a challenge because his Rocks have committed 104 turnovers, and the quality of play (of his team) just hasn't been there.

"It has been a nightmarish start for us, and we need to find a leader for this team."

After losing a double overtime thriller to Saginaw Arthur Hill, Canton returned to the hardwood to play Traverse City Central in the second round of the invitational.

Despite a three-point half-time cushion (29-26), and an outstanding all-around effort by Kenny Nethers, the Chiefs couldn't keep pace with the fast-breaking Traverse City quintet which outscored their visitors, 45-28, in the second half to post a 71-57 victory be-

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fore the home crowd.

"We looked tired and ran out of gas in the second half," Young offered. "I felt that that double overtime loss in the first round to Arthur Hill took a lot out of us."

In their three appearances at the Traverse City Tournament, it was the first time that the Chiefs didn't reach the championship round. Arthur Hill turned back a strong Holland team by five to capture the 1999 championship.

To tune up for their game with Salem, Canton played Ann Arbor Huron Tuesday night.

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He collected eight rebounds.

Salem began the year with a 2-3 overall record.

After hosting Canton on Friday, the Rocks will also be at home on Tuesday when they take on the Pirates of Riverview. That, too, is an out-of-conference duel.

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Local HAPPENINGS

YOUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND INTERESTS

WINE TASTING PARTY
Tickets are now on sale for the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce's first Silent Auction and Wine Tasting event slated from 7 to 10 p.m. Feb. 17 at the Double Tree Hotel. No one will be admitted without a ticket. Cost is \$25 per person and checks should be made payable to the Romulus Chamber located at 9191 Wickham by now later than Jan. 28. Ticket price covers a three course dinner, dessert and wine tasting. For more information call 734-326-4290.

BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL is slated the next meeting of its Canton chapter at 7 a.m. Jan. 14 in the Canton Summit, 4600 Summit Parkway, Canton Center Road and Palmer. For more information call regional office at 810-323-3800.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE CLASSES are being offered at St. Mary Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road in Livonia. First in a series of classes - Heroin and Opiate Addiction - will be held at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 17 in the hospital's Pavilion Conference Room. For more information call Julie Sproul at 734-655-1591.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP will meet at 7 p.m. Jan. 12 in the Campus Development Conference Room at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. There is no cost to attend the meeting and registration is not required. For more information call 800-494-1650.

CAT SHOW is slated from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 22 and 23 at the Southgate Civic Center, 14000 Dix-Toledo Road in Southgate. Cost to attend is \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and \$3 for children. Those under the age of five are admitted free. Two hundred and 25 pedigreed cats, kittens and household pets will be on display. Show admissions will benefit the Michigan Humane Society. For more information call Judy McDaniels at 248-681-4863.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS and Alanon meetings are slated at 8:30 p.m. on Sundays at the Garden City Hospital. AA meetings slated at the same time on Wednesdays. Use the hospital's north entrance at 5254 Inkster Road in Garden City. For more information call 248-681-4863.

Romulus joins alternative league

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A basketball squad from Romulus Community High School has joined a recently organized Michigan Alternative Athletic Association.

Romulus will now play in the Southern Wayne County Alternative Recreation League along with teams from Allen Park, Southgate, Wyandotte and Southfield from Oakland County.

The league will cover three



Cardiology Center opens

A new \$10 million cardiology center has been opened at the Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center of Dearborn. Shown at the ribbon cutting are (from left) Joseph Diederich, chief operating officer; Congressman John Dingell, Gerald W. Fitzgerald, CEO; Samir Daddous, director of the center; Bunny Hall, past Guild President; and Mark Anthony, administrator of clinical services. MCN Special Photo

mation call 248-541-6565 or 734-776-3415.

SWEET ADELINES the County Connection Chorus - a women's chorus singing four-part harmony barbershop style - is seeking ladies who love to sing. A guest night has been set up for those interested in singing at 7 p.m. Jan. 11 at the UAW Local 898, 8975 Textile Road in Ypsilanti. For more information call 734-480-8843.

JAKE'S WOMEN the Neil Simon hit will be presented by the Players Guild of Dearborn Theatre from Jan. 14 through Jan. 29. Tickets cost \$11. Shows are offered Fridays and Saturdays with a special matinee planned for 2:30 p.m. Sunday Jan. 23. For tickets or more information call 313-561-TKTS.

COLLECTIBLES SHOW and a Toy Show will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 15 and 16 during the Plymouth's Ice Sculpture Spectacular at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer

St. in Plymouth. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children four to 12. For information on the collector show call 734-455-2110.

INFANT ADOPTION meeting to inform potential parents, who wish to adopt, what they need to know before adoption. Paula Springer, eastern Michigan supervisor of Adoption Associates, and Shelley Yakuber, international consultant, will speak from 7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 27 at 25882 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 110, Farmington Hills, at the southeast corner of Orchard Lake and 11 Mile Roads. There is no charge. RSVP at 248-474-0990.

ROMULUS PUMPKIN FESTIVAL will conduct its first committee meeting at 6 p.m. Jan. 20 in the basement Community Room of Romulus City Hall. New festival volunteers and committee are urged to attend. The 2000 Pumpkin Festival is slated for Sept. 15, 16 and 17. In addition the newly organized

sports in addition to basketball. They are volleyball, bowling and co-ed softball.

The motto of the league is "Everybody plays-everybody wins!"

The team's name will be the "Lions" and will feature green and white colors.

They will be coached by Mark Robinson, who lead the team to an 4-0 league season. In the playoffs Romulus recorded a 1-3 record - losing by two points in all but one of the games.

Robinson is high on the motivation the basketball league created for his 15 players. "This has really helped the attitudes, cooperation and classwork of the students," he said.

Both Robinson and school Principal Dr. Kathleen Jacobson are looking forward to further involvement in league competitions in other sports.

Approximately 120 students from Romulus and Belleville attend the Community High School.



Coach Mark Robinson (rear left) of the newly created Romulus Community High School basketball team joins his players in a team photo. Standing (rear) are Lorenzo McCain, Corey Bailey, Phillip Williams, James Hill and Emmenuel Lindsey. Kneeling are Jimmie Jones, Jamie Jones, Dejuan Evans, James Lewicki and Jeremy Evitts. MCN Special Photo

For more information call 734-432-5541.

PARENTING HELP NEEDED for first time parents is being requested by Starfish Family Services. Experienced parents are being asked to share that experience by answering questions from new parents. Call "After Baby Comes Project" at 734-425-7977, ext. 117 for more information.

RESPIRE FOSTER PARENTS SOUGHT by Evergreen Children's Services of Detroit. Such personnel can earn \$40-\$60 a day for giving foster and adoptive parents some relief and relaxation on a part-time basis. For more information call 248-557-5800.

LEGAL RESEARCH ON THE INTERNET workshops will be offered by Detroit attorney Mary Meininger Urisko at Madonna University in Livonia on Jan. 21-22 and Jan. 28-29.

For more information call Jennifer Cote, director of Madonna's Legal Assistant Program at 734-432-5549.

PARKINSON DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP will hold its next meeting at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 9 at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Building 5305, nearing Parking Lot P. Exercise therapist Nia Aguirre will be the guest speaker, so wear appropriate exercise clothes. For more information call 734-741-9209.

DETROIT BOAT SHOW SLATED is slated from Feb. 12 to 20 at the Cobo Center in Detroit. More than 300 boat dealers and marine businesses will be at the show. Kids clinics and antique and classic boat exhibits will be offered. Cost is \$9 for adults and children (with adults) under 12

will be admitted free. Senior citizens over 62 will be admitted free on Monday Feb. 14. For more information call 800-224-3008.

PLYMOUTH YMCA MEETING is slated at 1 p.m. Jan. 26 at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road in Plymouth. Purpose is to elect officers, renew terms of board members and to conduct other business.

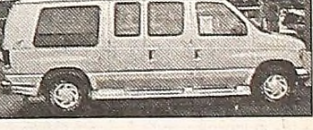
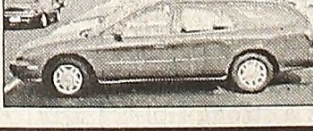
GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS for adults, who have lost a loved one are being sponsored by Arbor Hospice and will be held Mondays 7 to 8:30 p.m. or Fridays 3 to 4:40 p.m. from Jan. 10 to March 3. Groups will meet at Arbor Hospice, 7445 Allen Road, Suite 230, in Allen Park. To register or obtain more information call 313-383-8800.

MEN'S WINTER RACQUETBALL LEAGUE will begin Jan. 12, 2000 at Body Rocks Racquettime in Livonia. League competitions are held at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays under the sponsorship of the Canton Parks and Recreation Services. Cost is \$100 per person. Registration has begun. Call 397-5110.

TOURETTE SYNDROME ASSOCIATION will meet at 7:30 p.m. second Friday of each month (next meeting Jan. 14) in the doctor's dining room of Providence Hospital, 9 Mile/Greenfield. Call 248-577-0872.

DROP IN MEN'S BASKETBALL for Romulus residents will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. on Tuesdays at Romulus Middle School. Cost is \$2 each and ID must be shown. Call 942-6852 for more information.

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Seniors on the move

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Romulus senior volunteers sought

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Romulus area grandparents wishing to volunteer for a day a month to watch children color, play or study are urged to call Elaine at 734-641-7515. No lifting or heavy work is required.

The "Grandparent for a Day" program will begin at 1 p.m. Jan. 26 (and will continue until 2:30 p.m.).

The program will be held the last Wednesday of each month at the Romulus Head Start office on Beverly Road. Participants will be bused to and from the Head Start offices.

Prospective need bring nothing with them, but a "warm heart," organizers said.

Romulus Community Police Officer Joe Richardson will be on hand for his monthly Crime Watch program at the Romulus Senior Citizen Center from 9 to 10 a.m. Jan. 27.

A meeting of Citizens for Better Care will meet from 11 a.m. to noon Jan. 27 at the Romulus Senior Citizen Center for a discussion on problems of elder abuse.

While this may not affect you directly, organizers said, you may know someone who could benefit from this program.

The Romulus Senior Citizen Center will mark the Year

2000, Martin Luther King's birthday and the kick-off of Black History Month at a 1 p.m. luncheon on Jan. 21.

The meal will consist of fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, corn bread, veggies and dessert.

Cost is \$5 per person. Diners need to make reservations by 3 p.m. Jan. 18.

Romulus Senior Citizens plan bus trips to the Soaring Eagle Casino on Jan. 26, Feb. 22, March 28 and April 25. For more information call

the Romulus Senior Citizen Center at 734-942-6852. The center is located at 36515 Bibbins in Romulus.

Linda Norman serves as the center's director. Her assistants are Bette Lenossi, Karen Kusibab and Debra DeMoisey.

September Days planning trips

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Amusement trips to see the musical *Annie* and pianist Roger Williams are now being planned by the September Days Senior Center in Belleville.

Both amusement trips will take place at the Macomb Center for Performing Arts, with *Annie* slated for Jan. 15 and Roger Williams on Jan. 30.

The *Annie* show trip participants will leave the center at 1 p.m. and return about 8 p.m. The Roger Williams performance trip will include a dinner at Bennigan's. Trip participants will leave at 12:30 p.m. and return at 6:30 p.m.

The tickets cost \$62 including transportation, dinner and reserved tickets for the show. Some of the February trip highlights include:

Feb. 15 -- trip to Jumer's Castle Lodge featuring old world European elegance, casino gaming and a dinner buffet. Trip also includes visit to

John Deere Pavilion and a chance to climb aboard the Mississippi Belle II for gambling and a dinner buffet. Cost is \$99.

Feb. 22 -- luncheon trip to La Shish restaurant in Dearborn. Leave center at 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Participants pay for meal there.

Free tax help set for seniors

Free income tax preparation for senior citizens through the assistance of AARP will soon be available at both the Wayne Senior Services Office and the Romulus Senior Center.

In Wayne the AARP tax aides have begun taking reservations to help senior citizens 60 years and over, who earned \$20,000 or less last year. For more information call 721-7460.

In Romulus, Senior Center

Feb. 24 -- Sandy Duncan at Orchestra Hall with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. There will be a donut and coffee clatch at the Hall, the musical performance and dinner at the Rattlesnake Club. Cost is \$65. Trip participants will leave center at 9:30 a.m. and return at 3:30 p.m.

Director Linda Norman revealed that the volunteer tax preparers will undergo schooling next week and will begin taking reservations for Wednesday sessions on Feb. 2.

The tax help sessions will be held from noon to 3 p.m. each Wednesday through April. The tax assistance is being offered to low and moderate income families. For more information call 734-942-6852.

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Obituaries

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JONES, DAISY L.
MILLER, LANE (M)
RODGER, MARK J.
SENART, EUGENE
SHANNON, ROBERTA A.
SHIPP, HARRY
SMITH, PATRICIA
THOMPSON, WILLIAM
WHITE, JUSTICE
WILSON, CAROLE A.
WOOD, VIOLET

JONES, DAISY L.
Age 51, of Detroit. Passed away November 22, 1999. Beloved mother of Deanna, Lenita, Wesley, Lydell, Ladgell, Willie, and LaQuisha. Dearest daughter of Henri Mae and Robert Lee. Survived by 4 grandchildren and 2 brothers. Services were held at Great Faith Ministries, International. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home.

MILLER, LANE (MIKE)
Age 48 of Wayne, MI. Beloved husband of Roxanne. Dear father of Michelle (Glen), Monica (Jason) and Michael (Audrey). Also survived by 5 grandchildren, 2 sisters and 3 brothers. Arrangements by the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne with interment at Parkview Memorial Park.

RODGER, MARK J
Age 38, of Westland. Passed away on December 30, 1999. Beloved husband of Susan. Dearest father of Emily and Thomas. Dear son of Joseph and Julie. Survived by 1 brother, and 1 sister. Services were held at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne. Arrangements by Harry J. Will Funeral Home.

SENART, EUGENE E.
Age 71 of Taylor, MI., passed away Dec. 16, 1999. Beloved husband of the late Helen T. Senart. Dear father of Ned, David, Carol and the late Roger. Also survived by 2 brothers and 3 sisters.

Services were held Dec. 19 at Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with interment at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, MI.

SHANNON, ROBERTA A.
Age 99, of Southfield, MI. Passed away October 30, 1999. Beloved mother of Thomas Jr., John, Nettie, Bettie, and Paul. Also survived by 1 sister, 12 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, and 2 great great grandchildren. Services were held November 6, 1999 at Holy Family Catholic Church with interment at Westlawn Cemetery. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home.

SHIPP, HARRY
Age 84 of Hamburg Township (formerly of Westland). Passed away on December 30, 1999. Beloved father of Thomas (Mary), and Vivian (Jack). Survived by sister Edith, 6 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. Preceded in death by wife Nancy, son William, and 2 sisters. Services were held at Bell-Borek Funeral Home with interment at Cadillac Memorial Garden West.

SMITH PATRICIA J.
Age 73, of Westland. Passed away December 20, 1999. Dear wife of David. Beloved mother of Mark, Christopher (Nancy), Kevin, Constance (Marvin), Susan (William) and Kimberly. Survived by 1 brother, 1 sister, and 9 grandchildren. Services were held December 29, 1999 at S.S. Simon & Jude Catholic Church. Arrangements by the UHT Funeral Home.

THOMPSON, WILLIAM C.
Age 68 of Belleville, MI., passed away December 19, 1999. Beloved husband of Patricia. Dear father of Debra (Charles), and Michael (Deborah). Also survived by his mother Beatrice, and the late Thelbert, 6 grandchildren, and 1

great grandchild. Services were held December 22, 1999 at United Methodist Church in Romulus with interment at Soop Cemetery in Belleville. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

WHITE JUSTICE
Age 3 months, passed away on November 14, 1999. He leaves to mourn, Mother Vanessa White, Foster Mother Diana Cruse, Grandparents, & Family. Services were held November 21, 1999 at Penn Funeral Home.

WILSON, CAROLE ANN
Age 62 Canton, MI., passed away Dec. 8, 1999. Beloved wife of Don. Dear mother of Kathleen (Harvey), Cheryl (Tim), Pamela and Brady. Also survived by 2 brothers and 6 grandchildren. She was the owner of the Kingsboro Cleaners in Canton. "We remember all we've shared, and cry a tear for every minute we're apart. It's not the loving that hurts so much. It's the being without you." Services were held Dec. 19 at Summit on the Park. Arrangements by UHT Funeral Home in Westland.

WOOD, VIOLET
Mrs. Violet Virginia Doyle Wood, 78, retired employee of McNalleys Catering in Wayne, MI, and resident of Old Williamsport Pike in Columbia, TN, died December 19, 1999 at Maury Regional Hospital in Columbia. A native of Cave City, KY, she was the daughter of the late Demi Doyle and Dovie Short Doyle. She was a member of the Baptist Church. Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Billy (Betty) Barnes of Columbia; three sons, Phil Wood and Ron (Bonnie) Wood, both of Wayne, MI; David Wood of Taylor, MI; two sisters, Marie Caswell of Texas; Beulah Mae Ferguson of Cave City, KY; one brother, Woodrow Doyle of Cave City, KY; nine grandchildren, Terri Stojanovich,

Ronnie Wood, Steven Wood, Christine Spence, Aleece Wood, Sam Wood, Joe Wood, Amanda Barnes, and Phillip David Wood; and one great granddaughter, Jordan Wood. Funeral services were December 22, 1999 at Oakes & Nichols Funeral Home, Columbia, TN, with Rev. Robert Adair officiating. Interment at Rose Hill Cemetery.

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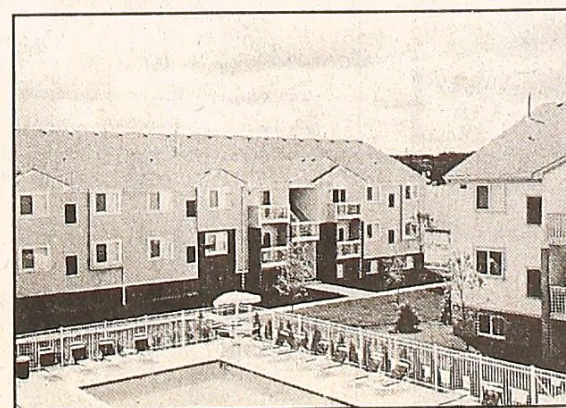
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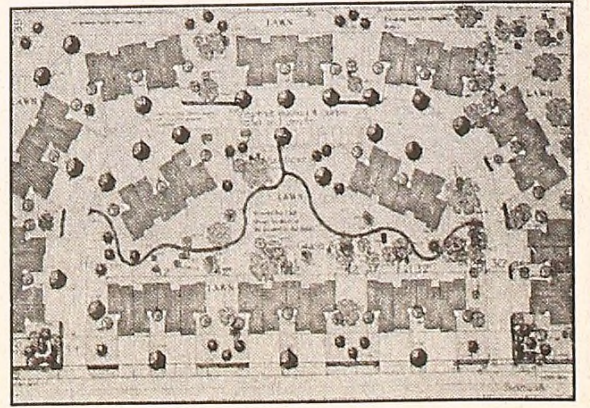
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Delta Sigma Theta, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Zeta Phi Beta, known as D.A.Z., a group of Inkster sororities, recently presented its Second Annual Town Meeting at the Floyd B. Simmons Building in Inkster. Among the keynote speakers included Attorney Sharon McPhail, the Rev. David Hearn, Dr. Manuel Wilson and Louise Somalski. Among topics discussed were: "The School Voucher System", "Public Schools in Inkster...which is better?...You Decide." D.A.Z. committee members seated left to right are Corell Jones and Irma Watson; standing are Louise Adams, Rene' Micou, Beverly Jordan, Selenia Robinson and Eunice

Founder's Day members to meet

By MAUDE REID
MCN Special Writer

A Joint Founder's Day meeting will be conducted at 3:30 p.m. on Jan. 23 at the Sigma Plaza, 6-Mile Road in the city

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Winter wonderland

By MAUDE REID
MCN Special Writer

Jari-Chas Day Care Learning Center on South Inkster Road held its third annual Christmas program entitled *It's a Winter Wonderland*.

Sherita Adams served as mistress of Ceremonies, while Barbara Leatherwood is the director.

Evelyn Gibson gave the welcoming, and the program featured Stephen Thomas, Gospel Saxophonist and solos by the LatchKey Gang.

Fun and refreshments were enjoyed by all, and director Leatherwood delivered a Christmas message of goodwill to all.

It was truly a "Winter Wonderland" of entertainment of songs, plays and skits.

nity, who will be in attendance.

All graduates, undergraduates and Amicae Chapter should have received a packet from the Blue and White Council.

The Great Lakes Regional will be held from April 27-30 at the Hyatt Regency, McCormick Place, 2233 Martin Luther King Drive, Chicago.

Following offices are open: Chair of Executive Board, Tamias Grammateus, Zeta Zest Editor.

The 79th Grand Boule Leadership Conference will be staged from July 8-14 in the city of Brotherly Love, Philadelphia, at the Philadelphia Marriott Hotel, and the National Directory should be out in the Spring of 2000, according to Basileus, Nicole Taylor-Brown.

Top Ladies look to Year 2000 and beyond

By THEOLA JONES
MCN Special Writer

Top Ladies of Distinction Inc., Area 5, held a Fall Leadership Workshop - "Cluster Meeting" at the Double Tree Hotel in Romulus recently.

Lady Jeffrey Williams, Area V Director, appointed the local Michigan Metro Chapter coordinators for the annual event. President Lady Janet Carter assembled a committee, chaired by Lady Norma McDaniel to plan the activities for the one-day confab.

TLOD is a national service organization. Members attended from several states, including the National President, Lady Vivien Richard, from Texas, and National First Vice-President Lady Peggy LeCompte, from Illinois. Members from other states included: Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Top Teen Athenae Eltrington began the program with a very fitting meditation titled: "Thank You, Lord."

Lady Williams introduced President Richard, who in turn introduced the national officers of the organization.

The session included: Census 2000 implementation, presented by Curtisene Barge, Census Coordinator for the City of Inkster; Effective Chapter Leadership, Presenter Lady Lena Foster, National Chair of Presidents Council; Financial Officers (TLOD) & TTA: Top Teens of America) "Forms, Reporting Procedure & Deadlines", by Lady Sarah Young; Parliamentarians (TLOD & TTA) "You Must Know", by Lady Emily Johnson; Secretaries (TLOD & TTA) "Bulk Mail & Non-Profit" by Lady Alma Mayson; "The President Speaks" by President Lady Vivien Richard; "Five Star Thrust Revision and Implementation" by Lady Peggy

The workshop was productive, inspiring those in attendance to move into the next millennium.

LeCompte, and Membership and Mentoring Information was discussed by Ladies Williams and Carter.

"Continuity Of Total Programming TLOD 2000..Soaring To New Heights Of Service"; is

the national theme of TLOD. The workshop was productive, inspiring those in attendance to move into the next millennium, prepared to meet the challenges that may lie ahead and determined to render service to their communities.

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Improvements put Chevy Venture at peak of its game

By KAREN WILCOX
MCN Automotive Writer

With kids, dogs, and cats running in a million different directions, its comforting to have a single vehicle that can handle whatever your hyperactive tribe demands. I'm speaking of the Warner Bros. 2000 Chevy Venture. Not only can it carry your family safely from point a to point b, it can haul all of your important stuff.

This Venture charms minivan buyers. To keep this minivan at the peak of its game, there are, several interior improvements this year. The instrument cluster has been redesigned with three large, round easy to read gauges surrounded by red accents. A new message center is positioned at the bottom of the tachometer which conveys several advisories such as change oil soon, door ajar plus two different trip mileages.

The Venture also has several radio upgrades and controls in the rear seats. Introduced this year is the special version of the Warner Bros. Package, which includes a fully integrated, factory installed rear seat entertainment system. It has a videocassette player with four tape storage unit, an LCD color monitor that folds down from the overhead console, headphone jacks with volume controls for each set of headphone, and a video game input for connecting a camcorder or Nintendo-type video game. I was pleasantly surprised at the sound quality and clarity of the this system. Montana has the same sort of



2000 Chevy Venture

video amenities called "Montana Vision."

There is ample seating for both the driver and all of the passengers. Leg and headroom are at a premium. Also, cargo room is great, plenty to carry groceries and your all important Christmas packages.

When examining the exterior of this vehicle, you can see just how sporty it looks. Sleek lines and a great curved body styling adorn this one. Acceleration is good and the gas mileage is great. The fuel economy racked up some pretty good numbers, 22 miles per gallon in the city and 29 on the highway. Venture comes standard with a 3.4 liter 4-speed automatic.

For the most part, I liked the Venture. However, I had one major problem with it. If you ever have to change the battery, or need to use this minivan for a jump vehicle, forget about it! What a terrible design! There is no way that you can get to the battery without tools. The fuse box is mounted on top of it, making it impossible to get to the negative connector of the battery. Come on Chevy, you can do much better than that!

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Venture could be just what the doctor ordered! I found this test vehicle to be overall one of my favorite minivans out of all the ones I have driven. Not only is it comfortable and gets great gas mileage, it is perfect for those long trips. What more could you ask for? A video system for the kids, a wealth of storage, plenty of leg and head room, superb stereo for the adults, all wrapped up in one sporty package.

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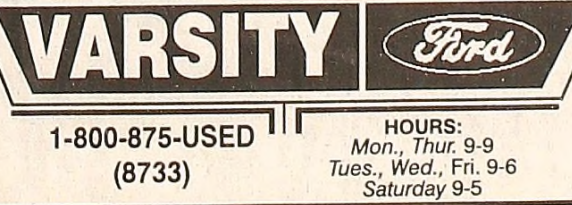


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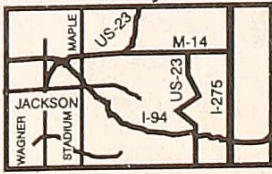
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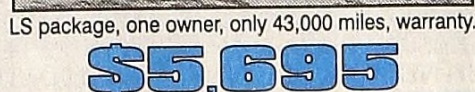
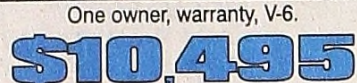
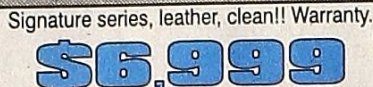
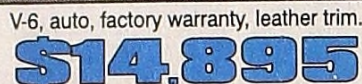
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Chestnut Court apartments are nearing completion



Buildings are up at Van Born and Merriman in Wayne.

A new public golf course has been built across the street from Chestnut Court and plans to open this spring. This will be very convenient for golf enthusiasts in the community. Senior citizens residing at Chestnut Court are pleased with the convenience of a new CVS pharmacy located adjacent to the apartments and just a short walk from any unit.

Lease applications are now being accepted for the new apartments. These large units ranging from 750 to 1000 square feet are being grabbed up quickly. The developers,

Pasteur Development Company, are also the property management company in charge under the direction of Adam Chayet, certified under Registered Apartment Managers (R.A.M.). Leasing information is available by calling the leasing office at (734) 595-3900, or by visiting the furnished model at 31530 Van Born, apartment 204. Barbara Preston, the on-site resident manager, is on duty and available to give tours and assist with leasing from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and seasonal hours on weekends.

Tips for keeping your New Year's resolutions

- Write down your goals from a positive perspective. Be

- **Be realistic.** If it took you a year to put on some extra pounds, accept that it will take a reasonable amount of time to lose that weight. Remember: There is no such thing as

rapid, healthy weight loss.

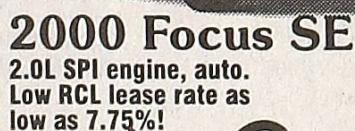
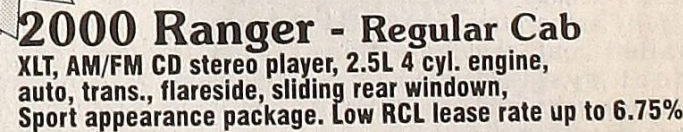
- Break up your goals into manageable chunks. For example, if your goal is to get into better physical condition, start the first month walking, then add an aerobics class.

- Start an exercise program you can stick to. Work out with friends. Take classes in Tai Chi, yoga or kickboxing to keep exercise interesting. Remember to stretch before and after exercise. Set mini-goals, such as increasing the number of laps in the pool.

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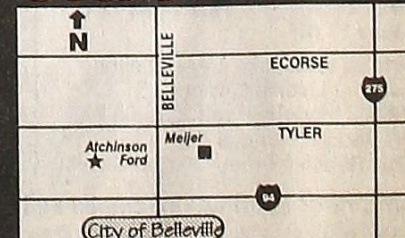
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